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agree with Senator Bourne. The horses are out of the barn. They're wild horses and they're running around out there and we're not going to corral these things now in these four plants. That's a done deal. This amendment attempts to clarify things and tighten us up so that we can capture those horses later down the road here. To answer Senator Chambers' question--he's not on the floor right now; I don't see him--but this language was actually taken out of the federal United States Department of Commerce, Technology Administration, definitions of uniform engine fuels, petroleum products, and automotive lubricant regulations, Section 1.20, ethanol. I quote this: also known as denatured ethyl...I'm sorry, "also known as 'Denatured Fuel Ethanol, means nominally anhydrous ethyl alcohol meeting the ASTM D4806 standards." Which is the exact language in the bill. So I'm assuming we can leave that in there. And I think it's tightened up further toward the...you know, later in the But that's where that language came from. I also amendment. share the same concerns Senator Bourne does. And I was at that meeting with Senator Bourne also. I took, I guess, a more personal interest in that plant that's built there out in my district. And I simply basically insisted they use all the local labor they could, and I think they did a good job of it out there. It was a different general contractor than what Senator Bourne was discussing with that person. But they also are a Nebraska registered contractor, have permanent employees. But I witnessed from day to day the progress made on that plant and the people, actually a lot of them in my legislative district, working on it. And I understand ... I don't want to let any of these development funds get outside the state of Nebraska if there's any possibility we can hire Nebraska labor. There is lot of the specialized equipment comes, I know, North Dakota and Minnesota, because apparently that's where they manufacture this and there's just no manufacturing facilities for that sort of distillers, grain driers, and so on, in But the labor definitely needs to be used Nebraska-based labor and contractors. And I also share those concerns, Senator Bourne. They are design-build bids, and that complicates things, that they have a group of people who tends to follow these construction permits around, and as they're issued, they're there. I know the people that are working on the plant in southwest Nebraska are going to a plant out in...by